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SUBJECT: HSWP DELEGATION TO SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY: HUNGARIAN PRESS ANNOUNCED APR 18 THAT HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST

WORKERS' PARTY (HSWP) SENT DELEGATION TO ATTEND THE NINTH CONGRESS OF THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY. DELEGATION BROUGHT MESAGE OF GREETING WHICH REFLECTED HSWP'S SUPPORT FOR PRO-SOVIET UNITY IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENTS WITHOUT SACRIFICING PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATE PATHS TO SOCIALISM. END SUMMARY.

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2. ACCORDING PRESS, HSWP DELEGATION TO NINTH CONGRESS OF SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCE) IS HEADED BY JANOS GOSZTONYI, A MEMBER OF HSWP CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHO IS ALSO SECRETARY OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. SPANISH EMBASSY INFORMS US THAT GYULA HORN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IS ALSO ON DELEGATION ALONG WITH LASZLO MAJOR,

A JOURNALIST FOR GOVERNMENT PAPER, MAGYAR HIRLAP. HORN IS AN EXPERT ON HSWP RELATIONS WITH WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES.

- 3. IN MESSAGE OF GREETING TO PCE CONGRESS AS A WHOLE FROM HSWP CENTRAL COMMITTEE, HUNGARIANS SAID THAT IN THESE TIMES WHEN COMMUNIST PARTIES INDEPENDENTLY ESTABLISH THEIR POLITICAL TACTICS AND STRATEGY, THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF MARXIST-LENINISM AND THE ACCUMULATED EXPERIENCE OF BROTHER PARTIES SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. HUNGARIANS NOTED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAIN-TAIN COMMUNIST UNITY WHILE COMMUNIST WERE UNDER ATTACK FROM INTERNATIONAL BOURGEOISIE. WHILE AT ALL TIMES RECOGNIZING THE EXISTENCE OF SEPARATE PATHS TO SOCIALISM, CC STATED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT IN PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION BOTH GENERAL LAWS OF SOCIALISM AND CONDITIONS IN EACH COUNTRY. CC CONCLUDES ITSN MESSAGE BY NOTING ITS SOLIDARITY WITH SPANISH COMMUNISTS AND EVOKING BERLIN CONFERENCE PRINCIPLES AS BASIS FOR COMMUNIST UNITY AND COOPERATION.
- 4. COMMENT: DELEGATION IS MODEST, WORKING-LEVEL ONE. HORN, HOWEVER, IS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN HIS FIELD AND HAS EAR OF HIGHER OFFICIALS. POSITION TAKEN BY HSWP CC IN ITS MESSAGE TO PCE IS LONG-STANDING ONE. WHILE HSWP CONTINUES TO BE JEALOUS OF THE RIGHT OF EACH CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTY TO ITS INDEPENDENT TACTICS AND STRATEGY AND OF ITS WON GOOD RELATIONS WITH WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES, IT CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE UNIT OF COMMUNIST MOVEMENTS. IN THIS INSTANCE, ITS REFERENCE TO MARXIST-LENINSIM SUGGESTS HUNGARIAN SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT WISH TO SEE THE PCE RENOUNCE THAT DOGMA. LIKE THE CPSU MESSAGE (REFTEL) THE HSWP MESSAGE AVOIDS ADDRESSING THE PCE LEADERSHIP BUT IS RATHER DIRECTED TO THE PCE NINTH CONGRESS AS A WHOLE. THE HSWP MESSAGE APPEARS TO DIFFER FROM THE CPSU MESSAGE ONLY IN ITS MODERATE TONE AND ITS EMPHASIS OF SEPARATE PATHS AND INDEPENDENT TACTICS AND STRATEGIES.

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